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DEPT FOR ARA/AND AND INM
PLEASE PASS TO AID/LAC:NPARKER
NSC FOR BEERS; ONDCP FOR PORTER
DEA FOR OC AND OF; DOD FOR ISA

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
BODY
TAGS: PREL, SNAR, PGOV, MASS, EAID, BL
SUBJECT: GOB CONCERNED ABOUT ANNEX SIGNING DELAY

REF: A) STATE 238179 (NOTAL)
B) LA PAZ 11788

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE GOB IS CONCERNED ABOUT USG REQUESTED DELAY IN SIGNING FY92 COUNTERNARCOTICS (CN) AGREEMENT AND ANNEXES (REF A). GOB FONMIN SUBSECRETARY HUMBERTO BOHRT, ACTING FOR ABSENT FONMIN RONALD MACLEAN (IN SPAIN) AND DEPUTY MANFREDO KEMPFF (IN PERU), DOES NOT WANT TO RETURN THE AMBASSADOR'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF JULY 21 (TEXT FAXED TO ARA/AND ON JULY 24), WHICH BEGAN THE AGREEMENT SIGNING PROCESS (REF B) WITHOUT A CLEARER, WRITTEN EXPLANATION AND WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING MACLEAN.

3. BOHRT FEARS THAT THE ISSUE IS NOT MERELY ADDING EXTRA HELICOPTERS IN ANNEX III (NOW CALLED SECTION C), BUT A USG

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( ) EXCISE
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X DECLASSIFY
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MR Cases Only:
EO Citations
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TS authority to:

MOVE TO MAKE THE GOB LOOK BAD AND KEEP THE PRESSURE ON FOR AN ACTIVE CN ROLE FOR THE BOLIVIAN ARMY. HE ASSUMES THAT LEAVING SECTION C UNSIGNED WILL GIVE THE ARMY MORE TIME TO PRESS THE GOB FOR A CN MISSION. (THE ARMY WANTS TO PARTICIPATE, WITH USG-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT, BUT THE GOB HAS SAID NO, FOR POLITICAL REASONS.)

4. AFTER RATHER CONTENTIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, THE GOB WAS READY TO SIGN THE FY92 AGREEMENT, AS WORKED OUT ON JULY 18 BY THE AMBASSADOR AND MACLEAN (REF B). BOHRT HAS A SIGNED NOTE READY TO CONCLUDE THE EXCHANGE THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT THE CN AGREEMENT, AND MACLEAN WAS EXPECTING TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT UPON HIS RETURN FROM SPAIN ON JULY 28. ON THE FY92 ESF AGREEMENT, WE ARE WELL AWARE OF NEED FOR PAAD AUTHORIZATION. WE WILL NOT SIGN THE AGREEMENT UNTIL WE HAVE THAT AUTHORIZATION AND THE BUDGET ALLOWANCE.

5. COMMENT: WE CANNOT SPLIT THE SIGNING OF THE SECTIONS (FORMERLY ANNEXES) TO THE CN AGREEMENT. IF ADDITIONAL HELOS ARE INCLUDED IN SECTION C, SECTION A (NAS ASSISTANCE) WILL HAVE TO BE MODIFIED TO SUPPORT THE AIRCRAFT. IF WE RE-OPEN SECTION A, THEN INTERIOR MINISTER CARLOS SAAVEDRA HAS AN OPENING TO RENEW HIS RECENT GAMBITS ON CONTROL OF THE PROSECUTORS (FISCALES), PRECURSOR CHEMICALS AND COCA LEGAL PROGRAMS. WHILE WE RE-NEGOTIATE SECTIONS A AND C, THE CLOCK WOULD KEEP TICKING TOWARDS THE START OF OUR OPERATIONAL SLOWDOWN (E.G., GROUNDING AIRCRAFT) FROM LACK OF FUNDS. NAS ESTIMATES THIS WILL BEGIN IN EARLY AUGUST. ALL THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF BOLIVIAN CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONING OF AND WIDESPREAD POLITICAL DEBATE OVER THE ROLE OF U.S. MILITARY AND DEA PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY. WE ARE ALSO IN THE MIDST OF A HIGH-TEMPO, LARGE-SCALE, IMPORTANT CN OPERATION (GHOST ZONE). THE TIMING OF THIS SIGNING DELAY IS INAUSPICIOUS TO SAY THE LEAST.

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